

**THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA  
ASHEVILLE DIVISION  
CRIMINAL CASE NO. 2:03-cr-00106-MR-DLH-1**

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,**

**Plaintiff,**

**vs.**

**JASON ADAM WATTY,**

**Defendant.**

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**ORDER**

**THIS MATTER** is before the Court on the Defendant's Motion for Temporary Release [Doc. 58] and the Defendant's Motion to Seal Document [Doc. 59].

The Defendant is currently serving a seven-month sentence for a supervised release violation. [Doc. 57]. In his present motion, the Defendant requests a temporary release from custody so that he may visit his wife, who is currently in intensive care. The Defendant cites no legal basis for such a request. Indeed, the Court has no authority to grant the requested relief, as the Bureau of Prisons has the exclusive authority to determine whether a federal prisoner should be granted a medical furlough. See 18 U.S.C. § 3622(a)(1); 28 C.F.R. § 570.33. While the Court is

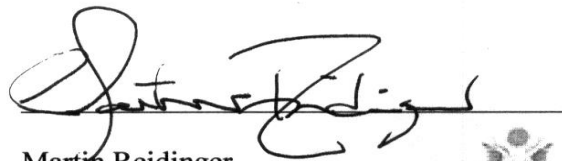
sympathetic to the Defendant's circumstances, the Court lacks authority to grant Petitioner a furlough or temporary release. Accordingly, the Defendant's motion is denied.

**IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED** that the Defendant's Motion for Temporary Release [Doc. 58] is **DENIED**.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the Defendant's Motion to Seal Document [Doc. 59] is **GRANTED**, and the Defendant's Motion for Temporary Release [Doc. 58] shall be placed under seal until further Order of this Court.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

Signed: March 20, 2015

  
Martin Reidinger  
United States District Judge

